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Hello Champ and Dustin,

Attached is a document that I would appreciate being presented at the Senate Committee hearing this afternoon on HB629. You will see that while we support this legislation as being better than nothing, we feel it fall far short of being acceptable to Montana's tourism industry. We suggest that an amendment be offered to exempt structures that are used as "accommodations" that fall under Montana's tax code for rental of accommodations:

15-68-101. Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) (a) "Accommodations" means a building or structure containing individual sleeping rooms or suites that provides overnight lodging facilities for periods of less than 30 days to the general public for compensation.

(b) Accommodations includes a facility represented to the public as a hotel, motel, campground, resort, dormitory, condominium inn, dude ranch, guest ranch, hostel, public lodginghouse, or bed and breakfast facility.

We pay bed tax on all rentals of our accommodations which seems by definition to not constitute a "residential dwelling".

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